(*a*) the total number of candidates that appeared for the E. S. L. C. Examination new scheme, from (i) departmental schools and (ii) non-departmental schools ;

(*b*) the percentage of passes from among (i) and (ii) ; and

(*c*) the highest percentage of pass obtained in any (i) departmental school and (ii) non-departmental school ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) ; (*a*) (i) 1,054.
(ii) 1,595.
(*b*) (i) 39·1
(ii) 45·3
(*c*) (i) 75
(ii) 88·2.

Private practice of Medical Officers.

36. ✻**MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Kartikapalli II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any rule prohibiting Sirkar Medical Officers from having private practice ;

(*b*) whether the Medical institutions in Travancore are intended only for the poor or for all alike ;

(*c*) if they are intended only for the poor, whether the rich are also treated in those institutions ;

(*d*) whether the rich that receive treatment in those institutions pay for the same ;

(*e*) whether Sirkar Medical Officers are allowed to use Sirkar supplies of medicine for their private practice and

(*f*) whether there is any means of checking Medical Officers in this matter ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :
(*a*) The answer is in the negative.
(*b*) For all alike.
(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this question does not arise.
(*d*) No.
(*e*) No.
(*f*) Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the member whether there are any complaints brought to the notice of the Government or the Department by patients who are refused treatment by the Darbar Physician or other Medical men on account of the patients' inability to satisfy the avariciousness of the Medical officers ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No ; Government have not received any complaint.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the member whether any such complaint is entertained by the Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If Government do receive such complaints, of course, they will be looked into.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the member whether Government are aware of the practice of Sirkar Medical Officers asking patients to purchase medicines from private shops ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Patients brought into Government Hospitals ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Yes.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Is it the suggestion made by the member that all kinds of medicines required for the proper treatment of all diseases are stocked by the Government in respective hospitals ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government do stock medicines in Hospitals ; and if there is any deficiency and if the Medical Officers apply for more medicines, they will be supplied immediately.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the member whether there was any report from the Darbar Physician or other Medical Officers that the required medicine was not available at any place or at any time ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As far as I remember, Government have not received any such report.

Area under rubber cultivation.

37. ***MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the agitation carried on by rubber cultivators that the area under rubber cultivation has been wrongly estimated to be much smaller than the actual area under cultivation and that the quota of rubber allotted for South India is consequently very low ; and

(*b*) whether Government have tried to ascertain the correct figure showing the area actually under rubber cultivation and also to get the quota allotted for South India revised and enhanced ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government are trying to ascertain the correct figure showing the area actually under rubber cultivation in Travancore. Whether the Government should take up the question of getting the quota allotted to South India under the Rubber Restriction Scheme revised and enhanced, can be considered only after the above statistics have been obtained.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): റബ്ബർ കൃഷിചെയ്യുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങളുടെ സ്റ്റാറ്റിസ്റ്റിക്സ് എടുക്കുന്നതിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറു നേരിട്ടു ശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

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